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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Volker Schellenberger *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/719,571

Filed: November 20, 2003

For: Directed Evolution of Microorganisms

) Group Art Unit: 1636

) Examiner: M. Marvich

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 24, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made as indicated below. Applicants also petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. Instructions to amend the Specification begin on page 2, while instructions for amendments to the Claims begin on page 5. The Remarks section begins on page 9, and the Conclusion is on page 11.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753846 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).